

Matters of

PRIDE

A publication highlighting LTHS 2012-2013 achievements and accomplishments

As the 2012-2013 school year comes to a close, we'd like to share a few of the accomplishments at Lyons Township High School. Everyone at LTHS - teacher, custodian, administrator, paraeducator - all contribute to the success of students. We also realize none of these accomplishments could be realized without the help of our parents, volunteers and community members. We should all be proud of our endeavors. This publication was inspired to remind all of us of our combined achievements.

Matters of Pride was designed to highlight our achievements as a District. Team and club accomplishments and several state and national honors are also underscored. Please take a few moments to review our accolades and be sure to pat a student, a staff member and yourself on the back for a job well done.

Academia - National Level

- Two students earned perfect scores on the ACT
- Twenty-seven National Merit Commended Students
- Seven National Merit Semifinalists
- Seven National Merit Finalists
- Two U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidates

Advanced Placement Tests

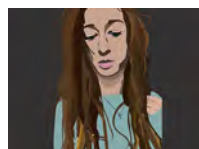
Students scored three or higher on 92% of the Advanced Placement exams taken. More than 43% of the tests were scored at a 5, the highest possible score. A total of 619 students took 1,238 exams.

Applied Technology

More than 80 students took introductory flights, four Aviation Interns will be working with Illinois Aviation Academy over the summer, and six students placed among the top in the Illinois State Engineering Technology Day.

Art

- 16 students received recognition at the annual Elmhurst College High School Art Exhibit.
- Two students were named winners in the Illinois Children of Mental Health poster contest.
- Nine students received recognition



at the Chicago Area 4x5 Exhibition.

- One student received recognition and will be published in Photographer's Forum Magazine.
- LT won five Portfolio awards, seven Gold Keys, 21 Silver Keys, and 27 Honorable Mentions at the Regional Scholastic Art Competition.
- One student earned both a Gold and Silver Medal in photography at the National Scholastic Art Competition.

Auto Club

LT Car Care Club competed in the state Hot Rodders Of Tomorrow engine rebuild competition and qualified for the national competition, with a 6th place finish. The club also hosted its first-ever fall and spring auto shows.



Best Buddy Program

LT was the first chapter in Illinois to participate in new training and an LT senior was named the Buddy Director of the Year. She was chosen for this award out of 6,215 participants throughout Illinois.

Bright Red Apple

LT was awarded a 2013 Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence. LT is one of 78 out of 868 districts to receive the award.



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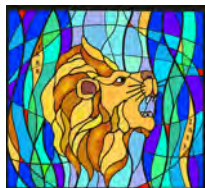
Business Professionals of America

Thirteen BPA members scored among the top three in their categories and advanced to the BPA National Conference,

where the Small Business Management Team placed among the top 10.

Class Boards

2014 – Over three years, the junior class raised \$4,000 for a stained glass window of a lion, which will be installed at the South Campus front entrance for the start of the 2013-14 school year to commemorate LT's 125th anniversary.



2013 – Similarly, the senior class will donate approximately \$5,000 of its fundraising efforts to the All Class Gift, a stone school seal which will be installed on the North Campus Fieldhouse in honor of LT's anniversary.

Congressional Debate

Competed in six tournaments and the State tournament. LT won 3rd place at the Hersey Debate and collected multiple individual speaking and legislation awards. LT sent 10 students to the State tournament; four advanced to the semifinals and one was named to the ten-person All State Debate Team.

Economics

A 4-person LT team took 3rd place at the Junior Achievement (JA) Titan Competition. Set in the year 2035, the JA Titan program introduces critical economics and management decisions through an interactive simulation by creating a world where student players are CEOs of their own companies using an online simulation environment.

Family, Career, Community Leaders of America

In Culinary Arts, three students advanced to State. In Pastry Arts, LT was awarded four



silver medals and one gold medal at State.

German

Members created a make-shift Berlin Wall with messages of freedom and anti-communism artwork, which they ceremoniously destroyed in recognition of the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. German Club competed in the UIC German High School Day and took 3rd in the art competition and 1st in the Impressions from America Essay competition.



International Club

Members served as emcees for the Diversity Celebration held in conjunction with other area schools. They also brought Diversity Week to LT for the first time, dedicating each day to a different language taught at LT. Students helped create lunch menus that coordinated with the culture of the day, submitted interesting factoids about each culture for daily announcements, held a foreign film movie night and invited culture clubs within LT to set up booths during lunches to showcase each club.

Latin

Twenty-seven students received recognition on the National Latin Exam, with two Gold Summa Cum Laude medals, six Silver Maxime Cum Laude, 10 Magna Cum Laude and nine Cum Laude awards.

Leadership

The J. Kyle Braid Leadership (JKB) Organization welcomed six sophomores and helped establish the Brighten Initiative, a sophomore leadership conference, where students meet with administrators to discuss issues around LT and the community. In addition, two sophomores received the Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership Award, which recognizes sophomores for their leadership and helps them become effective, ethical leaders in their homes, schools, workplaces and communities.

Lion Newspaper

• **Northern Illinois School Press Association** awarded *Lion* a Golden Eagle, signifying it as one of the best high school papers in northern Illinois. Students earned several individual awards: five Blue Ribbons and two Honorable Mentions.



• **National Scholastic Press Association and Journalism Education Association** congratulated *Lion* with two awards of Excellence and three Honorable Mentions. The Oct. 19, 2012 issue won 3rd place in the Best of Show contest in the category of newspapers of 17 pages or more.

Math Team

Freshmen took 1st or 2nd place at three of four regular season NSML contests. Sophomores took a 1st place, two 2nd places, and a 3rd place at NSML. Juniors took two 1st and two 3rd place finishes, with three perfect scores in NSML. Seniors took 1st in two NSML meets. The LT oralist took a 2nd at one meet and a 3rd at another. In Regional contests, the oralist took 1st place and LT placed 26 students in various teams to attend the State meet. Nearly 200 students took the American Mathematics Contest and five qualified in the follow-up American Invitational Math Exam. LT sent 30 Mathletes to State and most teams scored in the top 20.

Menagerie

The 2012 publication received the American Scholastic Press Association's highest award, First Place with Special Merit and an award for Outstanding Art. *Menagerie* also received the National Council of Teachers of English Highest Award and was the only school in Illinois to achieve the top distinction.

Model United Nations (MUN)

Students participated in six competitions this year, coming in 1st place at both St. Ignatius MUN and



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Chicago International MUN and 2nd place at Northwestern MUN. LTMUN also placed in the top 10 at the North American Invitational out of 130 schools. Bestdelegate.com ranked LTMUN 1st in Illinois and 9th in North America. LTMUN also hosted its third annual St. Ignatius/LTHS MUN conference, with 14 schools and more than 300 students.



Music

- LT's music program was named a semifinalist in the GRAMMY's Signature

Schools program for its outstanding commitment to music.

- Eighteen LT students were named All-State musicians.
- LT singers and musicians participated in several clinics, which provide an opportunity for students to work with guest artists, receive feedback from highly qualified musicians, and learn from and collaborate with musicians and directors at the next level.
- Jazz Band, Ensemble, Lab Band, and three Jazz Combos earned superior ratings at the Evanston Jazz Festival.
- 12 Solo and Ensemble entries were selected to sing at the Vocal Honors Master Class.
- A Jazz Ensemble combo was selected to perform at the Chi-Town Jazz Festival at the Jazz Showcase.
- The Orchestra traveled to Italy, where they performed four concerts and toured a variety of historic and music-related sites.

National Hispanic Institute

LT received the High School the Year Award from the National Hispanic Institute Board of Trustees, which was presented during Celebracion, NHI's annual convention. LT regularly sends students to NHI youth leadership training programs.

National Honor Society

Students completed more than 6,000 hours of community service within the school and surrounding community.

Poms

Varsity and Junior Varsity teams competed at the Team Dance Illinois

Competition; Varsity took 5th place in open dance, while JV took 4th in open dance and 9th in open pom.

PRISM

LT sponsors were invited to the Spring Gala Luncheon for the Legacy Project, a series of plaques depicting people in the LGTB community who have made a lasting contribution to society or who have helped pave the way for today's community.

Radio

For the fifth time in the past 10 years, WLTL Radio was named Best High School Radio Station in the nation at the John Drury High School Radio Awards. Previously, WLTL won this award in 2002, 2004, 2008 and 2009. WLTL students also won more than 15 national awards, including a Communicator Award of Excellence.



Scholarships

As of mid-May, counting duplicate scholarships projected over four years, more than \$30 million has been offered to seniors.

Scholastic Bowl

The Scholastic Team finished 6th in the Conference. One LT student qualified for the All-Conference Team.

Science Olympiad

Science Olympians finished 6th in State - the highest finish in LT's history!

Service to Others

- **Peaceable Schools Initiative** gathered donations and made 100 Easter baskets for the children of Chicago's Off the Streets Club.



- **Social Action Club** volunteered at the packing facility for Feed my Starving Children, donated \$500 to the American Red Cross to help with Super Storm Sandy relief, raised \$1000 at their first annual Teens Dancing for Teens to help homeless teens in Chicago and bought office supplies for the Lurie Children's Hospital Ronald McDonald House.

Italian and French Clubs

sold candy grams for Valentine's Day and donated the \$500 dollars in profits to Paws Chicago Animal Shelter.

- **Paraeducators** collected donations of toiletry items for women and children at the Constance Morris House, a shelter for women and children who have fled from domestic violence.

- **Recycling Club** collected hundreds of used batteries and light bulbs, raised money for clean water projects in the Great Lakes, hosted a recycled art contest and trading post, and worked in the woods to remove invasive species.

Speech Team

This season, Speech Team competed in six tournaments and won an astounding 86 medals. The team also earned 1st place trophies at both the Maine Mania Festival and the Ferry Forensics Festival. For the first time ever, LT took a full team to compete at Regionals, with three students advancing to Sectionals.

Steppers

Steppers took 3rd place at the State competition and 1st place at the prestigious Kappa League Competition.



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Student Council

Student Council kicked off the school year with the Welcome Back barbecue for staff, quickly followed by the Homecoming Dance, which was attended by 2,875 students and guests. The KOH Dance experienced major changes – including a new DJ company – and attracted 1,898 students. LT's Secret Santa gift drive sponsored more than 100 children. Student Council added



a third blood drive, collecting more than 300 units of blood and earning \$1,500 for the General Scholarship

Fund. The Senior Citizen's Prom was as popular as ever, with more than 100 seniors enjoying an afternoon of food and dancing. Finally, Student Council partnered with Light for Children to help build a community education center in Kumasi, Ghana.

TABULAE Yearbook

Tabulae produced its 105th volume, the biggest in school history, at 432 pages. Eight staffers attended the NSPA/NEA journalism convention, with four students placing nationally in write-off contests, including one national Superior rating.

Television

At the Chicagoland High School Video Festival,

LT took one 1st place award in Animation: Stop Motion, three 2nd place awards, four 3rd place awards, as well as nine Gold awards, 13 Silver awards and 20 Bronze awards.

Theatre Board

New inductees to the Thespian Society include: three National Honor Thespians (120 points), four Honor Thespians (60 points), 20 Thespians (20 points) – a single point is earned for every 10 hours of theatre work. LT performed nine shows this season, including the first ever production of The 24 Hour Plays, where students wrote, cast, rehearsed and performed several plays all within 24 hours.

Winning Writers

- LT swept the Illinois Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/ Bilingual Education writing contest, finishing with the top three essays.
- LT took the four top spots in the American Legion Essay Contest sponsored by the Robert E. Coulter, Jr., Post and Auxiliary in LaGrange.
- A senior won 1st place for her prose piece, which will be published in the Illinois Association of Teachers of English special fall edition.

Winterguard

LT's Winterguard squad took 1st place at the US Twirlers Association State competition.



Athletics

Girls' Tennis – 2nd place Sectional, 5th place State

Girls' Cross Country – 20th place State

Girls' Swimming and Diving – 1st place Sectional, 10th State

Girls' Golf – 2nd place Regional, 3rd place Sectional, 6th place State

Boys' Cross Country – 1st place Regional, 1st place, Sectional 3rd place State

Football – Qualified for state play-offs, 3rd trip to state quarterfinals in three years, Elite Eight Finish

Boys' Golf – Conference Champs, Regional Champs, 2nd place Sectional, 3rd place State

Wrestling – 2nd place Regional

Boys' Swimming – 3rd place Sectional

Bowling – 2nd place Sectional, 13th place State

Girls' Gymnastics – Regional Champs, Sectional Champs, State Champions

Girls' Track – Indoor Conference Champs

Boys' Track – Indoor Conference Champs, 9th place State

Boys' Gymnastics – 5th place State

Badminton – 6th place State, sophomore took 1st place in singles

Girls' Water Polo – Qualified for Sectional Finals

Boys' Water Polo – Qualified for Sectional Finals

Boys' Tennis – 11th place State

Girls' Soccer – 1st place Regionals



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